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EVERGLADES ENTERPRISES

"A FRIENDLY FIRM"

B. A. FLETCHER, OWNER

EXOTIC PLANTS

TROPICAL ODDITIES

SWAMP BUGGY EXCURSIONS

IN THE

"SWAMP - ANGEL"

Miami Springs, Fla.
Box 509

Phone 88-2616

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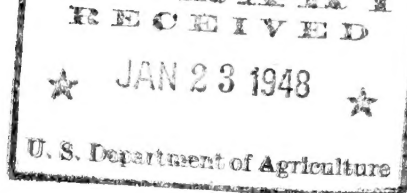
We quote special prices to schools, museums, herbariums and dealers. If you want special plants, name and describe them and we'll try to fill the order. No order for less than \$1.00 will be accepted. All orders postpaid east of Mississippi River unless otherwise stated. Add 10% west of Mississippi. Packing is guaranteed. All native plants are of blooming size and taken by permit from private lands. None are taken from the Everglades National Park area.

A B S O L U T E L YA S U R P R I S E I N E A C H P A C K A G E

ORCHIDS - TERRESTRIAL

- Vanilla praenantha - 8 to 10 in. cuttings, 2 eyes .50¢, available soon.
 Vanilla articulata (barbellata) - Leafless vine orchid, flowers white, purple and yellow, fragrant - 8 to 10 in. cuttings - at least 2 eyes .50¢.
 Vanilla planifolia (fragrans) - The vanilla of commerce, beautiful vine orchid - fast grower in leaf mold or osmunda - 8 to 12 in. cuttings with at least 2 eyes .75¢
 Bletia tuberosa - Lovely, palm leaved orchid with multiplying bulbs and loose panicles of many lavender blossoms on tall stems. After bloom rest bulbs. Bulbs .25¢ ea. or 5 for \$1.00.
 Eulophia alta (Platypus altus) - Though Bletia is beautiful this one is best though the plants look the same before bloom. Many reddish purple flowers in racemes on tall stems - Bulbs .30¢ each - 5 for \$1.25.
 Oncidium floridanum - Available soon - Get on waiting list.

Bletia and Eulophia bloom in fall, winter and spring. They like sun and moisture. Pot shallow in good soil with plenty of compost.



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ORCHIDS - EPIPHYTIC

All such orchids grow, as is, if taken on wood otherwise pot in rotten wood, osmunda or other loose fiber. All are blooming size but size of plant is determined by species. Some are small and some large by nature. Keep in humid atmosphere and avoid direct watering except by spray.

- Cyrtopodium punctatum* (a curved foot that punctures). A mammoth of the orchid family, most robust and easy to grow orchid native to the United States - South Florida only. A real spray orchid with long spreading panicles of yellow, black and brown spotted blossoms, very showy even when not in bloom with large bulbs and palm like leaves.
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|-------------|--------|----------------|---------------------|
| Small | \$2.00 | On rotten wood | \$3.00 |
| Medium | 3.00 | " " " | 4.00 |
| Large | 8.00 | " " " | 15.00 express coll. |
| Extra large | 15.00 | " " " | 25.00 " " |
- Extra large on solid wood \$50.00 - express collect.
- Oncidium luridum* (bee swarm) - Flowers in long wide spreading panicles, pale green or olive yellow spotted with brown. Available soon - hard to get - Get on waiting list.
- Small \$2.50 - Medium \$3.50 - Large \$5.00
- Epidendrum Boothianum* - Beautiful, small, hard to get orchid. Easy to grow and good house plant - very odd. Available in Jan. 4 to 6 bulbs .75¢ - 8 to 10 bulbs \$1.25 - 12 to 15 bulbs \$2.00.
- E. tampense* - A consistent bloomer and easy to handle but as with others best if taken on wood. Excellent house plant. Many fragrant blossoms.
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| 5 to 8 strong bulbs | .75¢ | On wood | \$1.00 |
| 8 to 12 " " | \$1.50 | " " | 2.00 |
- Small trial plants .25¢ ea. with order of \$1.00 or more other plants.
- E. cochleatum* - Beautiful easy to handle house plant - lovely blossoms - ready bloomer - shady humid places.
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|------------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Small 4 to 6 bulbs | \$1.00 | On tussocks | \$1.50 |
| Medium 8 to 12 bulbs | 1.50 | " " | 2.00 |
| Large 12 or more bulbs | 3.00 | " " | 4.00 |
- E. difforme* - A running orchid. A real collector's item from deep, dark swamps. On wood add .25¢
- Small .50¢ - Medium .75¢ - Large \$1.25.
- E. rigidum* - Another collector's item. Smaller than *difforme*. Prices are the same.
- E. nocturnum* - A very unusual plant with showy blooms - Many long stems - easy of culture and a very satisfactory house plant. Shady humid places. Blooms in fall and winter, Fragrant at night.
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|--------------|--------|---------|--------|
| 3 to 5 stems | \$1.00 | On wood | \$1.50 |
| 5 to 8 " " | 2.00 | " " | 2.50 |
| Large | 4.00 | " " | 5.00 |
- E. anceps* - Next to *Cyrtopodium* our showiest plant with many small yellow blossoms in heads. Much better on wood. Deep shade and humid condition necessary. This is your surprise package on wood because other plants, often orchids and *Tillandsias* are found growing closely entwined.
- Small \$1.00 - Medium \$2.00 - Large \$4.00.
- On wood add \$1.00 and get a surprise.
- Polystachya luteola* (minuta) - Hard to get plant - collector's item - On wood add .50¢ - small .50¢ - Medium .75¢ - Large \$1.00.
- Pleurothallis gelida* - A beautiful plant with odd fragrant blossoms. From the deepest swamps. Collector's item and attractive house plant. Each leaf a separate orchid but sent in clusters of 5 or more mature leaves. \$2.00 per cluster. Available in Jan.
- Polyrrhiza lindenii* - A real oddity. No leaves, only roots and a pure white bloom. Every collector should have one. An excellent house plant if kept in humid condition.
- Bare root - not guaranteed .50¢ - On wood guaranteed \$2.50
- Remember all these epiphytic orchids except *Polyrrhiza* are easily divided so a medium or large plant gives several smaller ones if you care to divide them.

Special Offer #1

1 Cyrtopodium	Regular price	\$2.00
1 E. tamponse	" "	.75
1 E. cochleatum	" "	1.00
1 E. nocturnum	" "	1.00
1 E. anceps	" "	1.00
5 plants blooming size all for \$4.95 plus 10% postage west of Mississippi.		

BROMELIADS

All are good house plants especially if taken on wood. If bare root set shallow in leaf mold or rotten wood. Keep in humid location with some water in leaf cups - otherwise water sparingly. Those we offer are all Tillandsias with lovely blooms.

- Tillandsia fasciculata - Most popular, beautiful bloom - .75¢ each.
On wood add .25¢
- T. tenuifolia - Very attractive, easy to handle, leaves grasslike. Good in baskets and dish gardens. 25¢ each - on wood .35¢ ea.
- T. circinata (Silver Queen) - Small attractive plants - Excellent for dish gardens and other make ups. On twigs or small branches .25¢ each.
- T. Balbasiana - Prettiest of all with its long graceful curly leaves and lovely blooms. .50¢ each - on twig .75¢
- T. utriculata - Grow to be huge plants with bloom spikes up to 6 ft. Small \$1.00 - Medium \$2.50 - Large \$5.00 express collect.

Special Offer #2

- 1 - Tillandsia utriculata
1 - " fasciculata
2 - " tenuifolia
2 - " circinata
2 - " Balbasiana
Eight (8) nice plants and a surprise all for \$2.75.

FERNS

Dr. John K. Small called Florida the "Fern State". He found 107 species growing wild. We deal only in those that are exotic to most of the United States.

Vittaria Lineate - grass or beard fern. Very rare and found growing on sabal palms in remote places. Rich green drooping foliage. Excellent in baskets. Small trial plants .25¢
Medium .50¢ - Large \$1.00

Psilotum nudum (naked fern) - One of the rarest of ferns in this country. Found in the United States only in the Everglades and one or two other remote places. Related to the club moss family and looks more like a sprig of cypress than fern. Pot shallow in soil or leaf mold with compost. Bare root - .50¢ per clump of 20 or more main stems.

Campyloneuron phyllitidis - strap fern - looks like bird's nest fern. Few people have even seen it. From the deep "Big Cypress" swamps.

Nice plants on tussocks 12 to 15 in. \$1.00 - Larger plants \$1.50.
" " " " 3 for \$2.75 - Larger 3 for \$4.00.

Asplenium serratum - Our native bird's nest fern and very rare with ornamental glossy foliage. If a fern lover don't miss this one. 12 to 15 in. plants \$1.50 - Larger \$2.00.

Phlebodium aureum - hare's foot or golden fern. Another rarity but the beautiful fronds don't stand shipment well. Stems sprout quickly. Pot in leaf mold and keep well watered. Excellent in baskets or pots. Large stems ready to sprout .25¢ each - 5 for \$1.00. Will ship entire fern at \$1.00 each but at your risk on the fronds.

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1	Cyrtopodium	Regular price	\$3.00
1	E. tamponense	"	1.00
1	E. coccineum	"	1.00
1	E. nocturnum	"	1.00
1	E. anopha	"	1.00
5	plants blooming also all for \$4.50 plus 10% handling cost of		
	Mississippi.		

Special Offer #2

All are good house plants especially if taken on roots. In some cases set shallow in leaf mold or better still, in a light loam. With some water in leaf cups - otherwise water normally. These are offered at all times.

Tillandsia lutea - Most popular. Beautiful bloom - 1/2 inch.

On wood add .25¢

T. tenuifolia - Very attractive, easy to handle, 1/2 inch.

Good in baskets and dish gardens. 2 1/2 inch - \$1.00 each.

T. elaeagnifolia (Silver plant) - Small attractive plant - 1/2 inch.

For dish gardens and other uses. 2 1/2 inch - \$1.00 each.

T. baccata - Prettiest of all with its long, narrow, 1/2 inch leaves.

and lovely bloom. 2 1/2 inch - \$1.00 each.

T. nitida - Grow to be huge plants with bright colors. 2 1/2 inch.

Small \$1.00 - Medium \$2.50 - Large \$5.00 extra as indicated.

Special Offer #3

- 1 - Tillandsia nitida
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Vittaria laevis - Grass or beard fern. Very rare and hard growing on sand palms in remote places. Rich green glossy foliage.

Excellent in baskets. Small trial plants. 2 1/2 inch.

Medium. 3 1/2 inch - Large \$1.00

Pellaea nudica (naked fern) - One of the rarest of ferns in this country. Found in the United States only in the Everglades.

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Polypodium incanum - the true resurrection fern, curls up when dry but comes to life when moist. Beautiful on tussocks placed in a bowl. Nice clumps on tussock 5 leaves .10¢ - 15 leaves 25¢ - large .50¢ and .75¢.

Special Offer #3

1 *Vittaria lineata* - medium
1 clump *Psilotum*
1 *Campyloneuron*
1 *Asplenium*
3 *Phlebodium* stems
2 nice tussocks *Polypodium*.

This entire group of rare ferns only \$3.75.

WATER PLANTS

Though there are thousands of plants that grow and bloom in water in the Everglades we offer only four bulb type plants selected solely for their rarity. We shall add other such plants to our list in time. They all do well in pots if well watered.

Iris savannarum - A wild iris with beautiful large lilac and lavender blossoms. Likes moisture and wet places. 4 to 6 in. rhizomes .30¢ or 5 for \$1.25.

Canna flaccida - water canna - Showy pale yellow frilled blossoms, broad canna like leaves. Rhizomes .50¢ - 3 for \$1.25.

We have two rare *hymenocallis* or spider lillies. Both are found only in the Everglades. *H. palmeri* is rare with one delicate blossom to each stem. Bulbs .30¢ or 5 for \$1.25. *H. occidentalis*, the plants larger than *palmeri* with two to six blossoms to the stem. Bulbs .30¢ or 5 for \$1.25.

OTHER ITEMS FROM THE EVERGLADES

One of the most beautiful and exotic sights to a plant lover is her or his first entrance into a "cypress dome" or swamp of the deep Everglades. At first sparse, the growth gradually becomes more dense, then suddenly, one steps into a low area (which in wet times would require a boat or deep wading). The limbs of the trees are covered with plant life, the abundance of each item depending upon the particular swamp. There will be orchids in variety, some rare and hard to spot, air plants or bromeliads, ferns, moss and lichens.

One of the most attractive items one could have in greenhouse or solarium would be a limb from one of these trees, cut with all its plant life thriving. You may have specimens 3 to 5 inches in diameter at \$2.50 per foot up to 100 feet. Special instructions with order. Express F.O.B. Hialeah, Fla. This is one of our best sellers.

Osmunda fiber - \$3.00 per potato sack - Express collect - Order well in advance of expected delivery. May be able to deliver by Feb.

Melaleuca bark is a good orchid growing medium and less expensive than *osmunda*. It is light and fluffy - orchids like it. \$2.00 per sack - Express collect.

Cypress trees grow in low wet places and so send up roots as "breathers". They are called cypress knees and take the oddest shapes imaginable. The large solid knees may be hollowed out and used as pots or vases. The small ones take odd shapes and may be used in many ways polished or unpolished. The small odd types are 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00 - take a chance. Solid types 8 to 10 in. 50¢ - 10 to 15 in. \$1.00 - to 24 in. \$1.50 - Express collect.

If you are interested in cypress orchid baskets let us know stating size desired.

Polypodium tridactylum - The true resurrection fern, but comes to life when water is added. It grows in a bowl. Price 50¢ and 1.00.

Special offers

- 1 Vitis flexilis - medium
- 1 Campylopus
- 1 Asplenium
- 3 Phlegmaria stems
- 2 nice grasses Polypodium

This entire group of rare ferns only 1.00.

Plants for sale

Though there are thousands of plants for sale in the Everglades we offer only a few. The small and big ones. They all do well in pots if well cared for.

Tris saccatum - A wild plant. It grows in the Everglades. Price 50¢ or 1.00.

Gemma fasciata - Water fern. It grows in the Everglades. Price 50¢ or 1.00.

We have two rare hymenocallis of spidery lilies. One is for sale only in the Everglades. H. palmata is rare with one specimen. Price 50¢ or 1.00. The other is for sale only in the Everglades. Price 50¢ or 1.00.

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One of the most beautiful and exotic plants in the Everglades is a "cypress tree" or a "cypress shrub". At first sparse, the growth gradually becomes more dense. Then suddenly, one steps into a low area (which is a swamp) and sees a forest of cypress trees. The limbs of the trees are covered with plant life, the abundance of each item depending upon the particular swamp. There will be orchids in variety, some rare and hard to spot, air plants or bromeliads, ferns, moss and lichens.

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SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Coconuts - Dried and ready to eat or plant. To eat remove outer husk of nut or plant in tub or pot with husk on and nut laying on its side with $1/2$ to $1/3$ of nut above soil. Make lovely house plants in winter and in spring will grow to lovely palm outdoors. .25¢ ea. or 5 for \$1.00 postpaid. Nuts already sprouted - express collect - 8 to 15 in. \$1.00 or 3 for \$2.75. 18 or more inches \$1.50 or 3 for \$4.00. Three nuts and two sprouts \$2.25.

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis

Vericolor - red and pink from 3 in. pots .50¢ or 3 for \$1.25 p.p.

Murreya exotica (chalcas) called orange jasmine, member of the citrus family. Rich dark compact green foliage. From 5 in. pots \$1.00 each or 4 for \$3.50.

Banana sprouts - Dandy house plants. Foliage is cut from the sprouts before shipping but they put out new leaves quickly. Nice sprouts \$1.00 or 3 for \$2.75 - large \$1.50 each or 3 for \$4.00. Rich soil and moisture.

Aloe vera - The bitter aloe mentioned in the Bible. A fine medicinal house plant. Thick succulent leaves spotted when young turning grey green as they reach maturity. The jelly like content of the leaves is excellent for cuts, burns, stomach ulcers and as a gentle laxative. Full instructions with order. All plants shipped bare root but they grow easily. Nice 4 to 6 in. plants .50¢ or 3 for \$1.25, - 8 to 12 in. \$1.00 or 3 for \$2.75 - Large plants, express collect, \$1.50. If you have children and need a quick burn and cut remedy at hand don't miss this one.

Ficus - fig or so called rubber plants. If you want to have fun and grow some nice winter house plants try the following. They are easy to root and make beautiful house plants quickly.

Ficus exotica - A drooping rich green plant. Mossed plants .50¢ Strong cuttings \$1.00 per dozen.

Ficus aurea - Golden fig or strangler fig. Very vigorous grower with stiff green leaves. Strong cuttings \$1.00 per dozen. In both cases the cuttings will be properly trimmed for rooting. Place cuttings in sawdust, sand, moss and keep moist only. Nice plants before you know it.

Our intention is to make a highly successful business of this most unusual type enterprise.

Our intention is to make everyone happy so don't leave us in the dark if you are not satisfied.

Our intention is to keep this a friendly firm as advertised.

Don't be afraid to order because of cold weather. We dry pack in paper and guarantee safe arrival of plants.

We promise more and more interesting items in the future. Among them odd painted ferns, sedges, grasses and pods. Also cypress orchid and fern baskets. Keep in touch with us for future surprises.

